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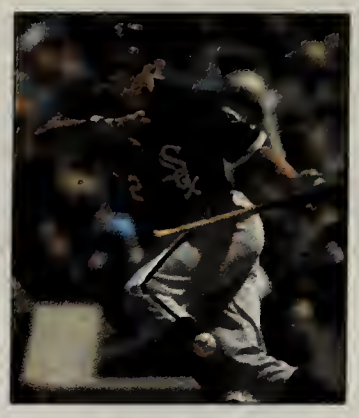

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Fire claims life of PUC student

Friends left in state of shock

BY MELISSA BATKA
News Editor

On July 2, at 4:44 a.m. Prabhat Singhal, a senior studying engineering, called his friend Pranav, a recent graduate of PUC, from his burning apartment. It was the last time they would speak.

The blaze, which broke out in the Tanglewood Apartments on 167 street in Hammond, Ind., claimed the life of Singhal and left his roommate Manoj Rana, also a senior in the engineering department, critically injured.

"I was in a state of shock," recalls Saurabh Jaiswal, a graduate student in business, of the phone call he and his roommate, Pranav, received from Singhal.

After dialing 911 Singhal phoned his friends asking for their help. Pranav rushed to the scene in time to see his friend, Rana, being carried out on a stretcher.

Jaiswal arrived shortly after.

The 22 year-old Rana was flown to the University of Chicago Hospital were he remains in critical condition after suffering severe burns to 85 percent of his body. At approximately 5:15 a.m. the body of Singhal, who was also 22-years-old, was found in the bathroom of his apartment. He died of smoke inhalation.

According to Jeff Roseboom, ān investigator with the Indiana State Fire Marshal's Office, the fire was caused by a pan left unattended on a stove in apartment 1C. Singhal and Rana lived in apartment 3C, along with a third roommate, Anuj Bhatia, also a senior studying engineering.

Bhatia was staying with friends and was not home when the fire broke out. Bhatia lost everything in his apartment, but is thankful to still have his life.

Marsha Gordon, director of graduate and international student services, has been working diligently to contact the families of the two victims. Singhla's body should be flown home by Wednesday, and Rana's family should arrive in the United States by the end of the week.

"She has been like a mother to us," said Jaiswal of the help and support Gordon has provided.

A small service was held on Tuesday where friends of Singhal offered prayers and remembrance. Although this tragic event has been difficult for the friends Singhal leaves behind here at PUC, Gordon says they are doing extremely well.

"They are being very supportive of each other and friends and family back home," stated Gordon. "I am really proud of them."

Singhal and Manoj had spent Friday with friends in Chicago. Jaiswal was left in a daze as he recalled that day.

"We were laughing and having a good time," stated Jaiswal. "We were together until 1:30 a.m."

After reflecting in silence for a few minutes, Jaiswal offered advice to all students at PUC.

"Say I love you, I like you," said Jaiswall. "Tell people how you feel.

"Things like this happen without any warning."

photo by Melissa Batka

A charred skeleton is all that remains of Tanglewood apartment building 6612. It took fire fighters eight hours to put the fire out.

PUC's new Vice Chancellor is all ears

Students can feel free to offer suggestions

BY JERRY CULVER
Staff Writer

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Despite having a lot of responsibility from his position, new Vice Chancellor James Johnston makes time for students with suggestions.

As of June 1, PUC has a new Vice Chancellor of Administrative Services, James Johnston. Johnston brings with him to PUC more than 14 years of experience at the senior administrative level.

Two previous appointments include Vice President for Financial Affairs and Treasurer at Eastern Kentucky University and Vice Chancellor for Finance at Auburn University, Montgomery.

Here at PUC, Johnston serves as the university's chief business officer and will oversee the units of business, finance and human resources, computer and technology services, facility and grounds maintenance, as well as campus security.

"The Administrative Services operation provides campus-wide support services that ultimately promote an exemplary learning environment," said Johnson. "Hopefully our activities are routinely transparent to our students as they go about their normal activities.

"Conversely, without our services, students would find learning extremely difficult, if not impossible, on our campus."

Amongst the many changes PUC is experiencing, the transformation from a commuter campus to a university that provides housing opportunities for students brings with it many new concerns.

To that end, Vice Chancellor Johnston says his plan is to listen and learn as much as he can about PUC, so that he can provide the best level of service possible.

"I realize that the units I oversee are not

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Memos leave some with questions

BY MELISSA BATKA
News Editor

The war in Iraq; ask any student on campus about it and they are certain to have questions, concerns, or an opinion. The events that spun off of September 11, 2001 have left a great deal of uncertainty about how and why military action came about in Iraq. The Downing Street memos may offer some answers.

Last month, a series of memos that chronicle the events that unfolded in 2002, which eventually led to the decision to invade Iraq, were leaked by top-ranking British officials. The Downing Street Memos contain minutes from official meetings that took place between the U.S. and British Government Officials.

A memo dated March 22, 2002 from Peer Ricketts, British foreign office political director, to Jack Straw, Britain's Foreign Secretary, on advice given about Iraq to Blair, stated, "US scrambling to establish a link between Iraq and Al Qaida is so far frankly unconvincing. To get public and Parliamentary support for military operations, we have to be convincing that there threat is so serious/imminent that it is worth sending out troops to die for; it is qualitatively different from the threat posed by other proliferators who are closer to achieving nuclear capability (including Iran)."

An additional memo dated July 23, 2002, which contained minutes from a meeting between Blair and top government officials stated, "C (Sir Richard Dearlove, then chief of Britain's intelligence service) reported on his recent talks in Washington. There was a perceptible shift in attitude (about Iraq). Military action was now seen as inevitable. Bush wanted to remove Saddam, through military action, justified by the conjunction of terrorism and WMD. But the intelligence and facts were being fixed around the policy. The NSC had no patience with the UN route and no enthusiasm for publishing material on the Iraqi regime's record. There was little discussion in Washington of the aftermath after military action."

According to these memos, approval to go to war with Iraq was given roughly six weeks before Congress officially approved military action. Prime Minister Tony Blair has confirmed the authenticity of these documents.

The topic of the war is a touchy subject for most students. In the wake of this new information, PUC students were not sure whether the Downing Street memos provided answers or created more questions.

Jim Linstron, a freshman studying mechanical engineering, who at first was hesitant to discuss the subject of war, said, "I don't believe it when they say that this is all tied to the terrorism from 9/11. I don't believe that. I think we are in the wrong place, fighting the wrong war."

At the present time, the Bush administration has done little to acknowledge the release of the memos. Currently, there is a petition signed by 89 members of Congress requesting the President Bush supply some answers.

When asked about the President's lack of response to the release of the memos Linstron stated, "He just keeps towing the company line. He never really answers anything."

For many, the Downing Street memos are confirmation that the Bush Administration misled the American people into war. Some find this to be upsetting. Yet others are willing to except misinformation.

In response to the possibility of being misinformed about the war, Melissa Volkman, a graduate student in education, stated, "Being misinformed is going to happen."

Her main concern about the memos was a statement that implied the U.S. did not have a strong plan to deal with the aftermath of war.

"I have two cousins and a really good friend who are fighting in the war," said Volkman. She wonders when they will be able to come home.

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President George W. Bush and British Prime Minister Tony Blair have seen things eye to eye on the global fight on terrorism

Festival Fatality

BY MELISSA BATKA
News Editor

On July 1, 2005, Fourth of July fun turned fatal for a nine-year-old boy.

According to Lake County Coroner David Pastrick, Gary, Ind. resident Dakota Stevenson suffered blunt force trauma to the head after falling 25 feet from the Wind Shear ride at the Fourth of July Festival in Highland, Ind.

The accident took place at approximately 8:06 p.m. Stevenson was attending the carnival with his grandmother.

The rest of the evening took on a somber note. Although all of the food vendors and games remained open, the rides were immediately closed for inspection.

"It was sad," stated Devine. "They shut down every ride after that."

There are conflicting stories as to the cause of the accident. No charges have been filed against the ride operator who was questioned by police. The Wind Shear is undergoing three separate inspections by the Highland Police, The Indiana State Fire Marshall and Midwest Midways.

Commander Pete Nelson of the Highland Police Department believes it could be a long time before the investigation is concluded.

"Nobody knew what was going on, what happened. I didn't know what to tell them"

Adam Devine

Adam Devine, a junior in the school of management, was attending the festival that night. He had been waiting in line when the accident took place.

"I was wondering what was taking so long, so I just went to the next ride," said Devine, who would have been next to ride the Wind Shear. "It's good that I didn't get on.

"I am still here today."

After the accident, confusion ensued. Eric Muller, operator of the Rope Climb game that was located across from the Wind Shear, recalls the events that took place.

"Nobody really knew what was going on, what happened," said Muller. "And I didn't know what to tell them.

"They kept coming to me and I didn't know what to say."

In a statement given by the legal representation for Midwest Midways, Wayne Pierce said that although the investigation is still being conducted, it was determined that nothing was found to be mechanically wrong with the Wind Shear.

The state released the ride at approximately 8:40 p.m. on Sunday.

All of the rides reopened on Monday around 1 p.m. except the Wind Shear which was shut down permanently and removed from the park.

Visitation for Stevens was at Kuiper Funeral home on Tuesday.

First Church of God, 1625 Cline Ave. Schererville, Ind. 46375, has set up a memorial fund to help pay for the family's funeral expenses. Anyone interested can call (219) 322-4816 for more information.

Now you can drive faster

BY DARREN ZANCAN
Editor in Chief

Lake County has been going through dramatic changes when it comes to highway construction. Over the last several months Route 41, Interstate 30 and 80/94 have seen their fair share of construction, all of which have limited posted speed limit restrictions.

One thing that will not change is those posted speed limitations. Outside of Lake County, however, speed limits will change according to Indiana Department of Transportation.

"It will take several days to change more than 600 signs on the interstate system," said INDOT Commissioner Tom Sharp. "It is in the best interest of the public that the current speed limit be maintained to eliminate confusion."

The speed limit will increase to reflect a speed of 70 mph. The only thing not changing will be the speed limitations in urban areas, communities with a population of 50,000 or more.

"Safety is a top priority for both our crews and those traveling through Indiana for the Fourth of July weekend," said Sharp.

These new speed limit signs will be in place by July 8 if weather allows, with all signs statewide in place by August.

Overall the increase seems to be of no concern to some drivers.

"People do not go the speed limit anyways," said Brad Harber, a recent graduate from Indiana University Northwest. "I do not believe this will change anything by changing how fast we can drive."

Not all people see this as a solution. Some can look at the raising of the speed limit as condoling people for already exceeding the current posted speed limit.

"The only problem I see is that people speed that much more," Mike Stern, a sophomore at PUC majoring in astrophysics said.

INDOT will evaluate safety standards of four lane divided highways to determine whether or not a speed limit should be warranted.

"I think it is for the best, safety wise," said Stern. "Most people drive that fast anyways."

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Your freedom is not free

What is the cost of freedom?

Americans today are given so many freedoms. It is amazing that sometimes people forget that freedom is not really free. It comes at a price.

Many times that price is very high, be that the life of a young American soldier, fighting for people half way around the world.

A soldier can not afford to relax, because if they do, it could very well be the last thing they do on this Earth.

After the September 11 attacks, there was a great amount of patriotism, and why? It showed the people who sent the attack that America's spirit was not broken.

Well, time has passed, and people have once again become complacent in their patriotism. A war began in Iraq, and people complained.

Senators argued about it, some even flipped positions just to fit in with their political party.

What can that do for the troops that are over in harms way? It must make them feel pretty good to be over in some foreign country risking their lives to keep people safe.

How does it feel to think of home and know that there is a debate over whether you will receive money for armor?

How does it feel to wonder is the two parties are still arguing over the virtues of the war? The war had begun and people still questioned the virtues.

Shouldn't those questions come up before the war was to begin, not a year into it?

Thinking of home should be a refuge, a safe haven. It should not be something to question how the reception will be when the soldiers return from tour of duty.

This past weekend the United States celebrated its freedom. Was it more of a night of drinking and fireworks?

How many people thought of a soldier?

There is not a day that goes by that a soldier does not think of home. They may be gone, but they should not be forgotten.

Those of us remaining should not only remember those over there when we hear the latest death count.

Our freedom does not come free. The cost is great. If the Fourth of July is more than just a day of loud noise and bright lights, then remember those who are not here.

Remember those who pay the price for our freedom every day.

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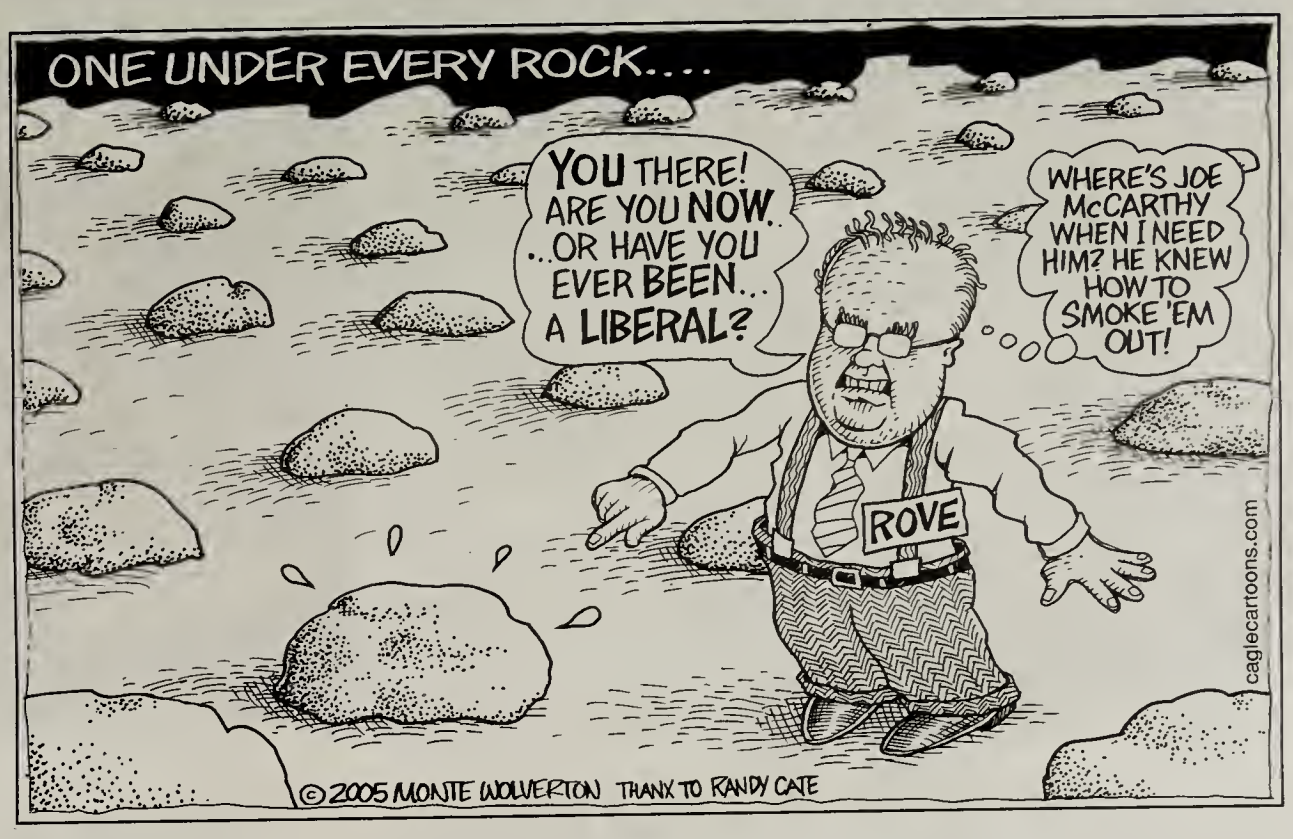
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Nothing ever comes easy

BY DARREN ZANCAN
Editor in Chief

Why is it that at certain points in life we can never really grasp what is coming to us?

We start feeling like there is no way to take hold of our lives. At 23, almost 24-years-old, those feelings have hit me harder than ever before. One day you are walking around with a smile on your face, thinking everything is perfect. The next day you wake up and the world has been flipped upside down and nothing seems right anymore.

Why is that?

Trying to ask this question of myself seems rhetorical right now in my life, in part, because I do not have an answer. I have been walking around aimlessly for two weeks.

There is this feeling of "lack of achievement" that will not leave and for some reason, as much as I push it aside, it comes right back. We all face struggles, no matter what kind of struggle comes forth. We seem to attract them.

I, for one, seem to attract more than a handful of struggles at the same time. So when that happens I try to work them out, but recently these struggles have been so hard.

I remember talking to my parents and hearing them say that "20 years ago everything was different. We were married at 20, and we had our lives figured out."

Well here I am and what have I figured out?

Sometimes it seems like nothing.

My best friend has been struggling with some issues lately and I wish I could reach out and help him, but these things just getting harder.

I am dealing with love issues (of course), life issues, school issues and occupational issues, and in reading this I am sure everyone is dealing with some sort of issue.

I just found out an ex-girl friend of mine, very recent ex-girl friend, is getting married. Just my luck.

My point in this column? I am not really sure. In a way it seems to be a therapy, writing about these things.

At least knowing someone else is out there, maybe going through the same thing makes writing about these issues easier. Maybe someday, somewhere these issues will be worked out, and I can figure out where I am going.

Until then it is time to continue walking around aimlessly.

Vote Evan Bayh in 2008

BY DAVID P. FUNK
Sports Editor

Former President Bill Clinton once said, "I tell you that I hope and expect some day I'll be voting for Senator Evan Bayh for President of the United States."

I share that hope and expectation with our former President and I expect that day to be November 7, 2008.

However, according to a Zogby America poll taken from June 22 to June 25, only five percent of Democrat primary voters would vote for Bayh if elections were held today. And he isn't even listed on pollingreport.com's candidate profiles.

Word absolutely must be spread about the man whom I feel will best perform the duties of the Executive branch of government in succession of President George W. Bush.

Senator Bayh is the son of former United States Senator Birch Bayh and was born in Shirkieville, Indiana.

Bayh graduated from Indiana University with honors in business economics in 1978 and the University of Virginia with a degree in law in 1981.

He was elected Indiana's Secretary of State in 1986. Bayh served two terms as the Governor of Indiana. He left the governor's position having built a $1.6 billion budget surplus.

Bayh was elected to the United States Senate in 1999 and is currently serving a second term.

He is devoted to bipartisanship in Washington. As a Senator, he has helped to create thousands of jobs in Indiana. He is committed to education, health care and the economy. Bayh has a track record proving he can get the job done.

According to his website, securing funds to improve the public school system is one of Bayh's top priorities.

"Ensuring that every person can afford health insurance is one of the greatest responsibilities of the federal government," Bayh has said.

Bayh lists, on his website, his number one priority as creating and protecting jobs. As governor, he created over 375,000 new jobs in Indiana.

He serves on six Senate committees: Armed Services, the Select Committee on Intelligence, Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs, of which he is the ranking member of the subcommittee on International Trade and Finance, the Small Business Committee, Energy and Natural Resources, and the Special Committee on Aging.

To clarify, Bayh has not yet officially announced his candidacy in 2008, but is considered by many to be one of the Democrat frontrunners.

With this in mind, his qualifications and past record speak for themselves.

I think it is an absolute shame that so much of this country is unaware of Evan Bayh's potential. His election will go a long way toward constructing a government that the American people can trust again.

Let's start something here at PUC. Tell your friends, your family and everyone you can. Get out there and pass along the good news; change in on the rise. So visit www.evanbayh.com and vote Bayh in 2008.

'Batman Begins' to clean Gotham

BY JADE LEE CULBERSON
Senior Staff Writer

"Batman Begins" does a lot more than begin a series of movies that begged for a solid prequel; it takes the audience on a rollercoaster of emotion and high tension that returns to the feel of the Frank Miller "Batman" comics.

Christian Bale brings something both new and old to the characters of the hesitant billionaire and tortured hero. Bale also shines for audiences as the living embodiment of the timeless Batman character in a way he was meant to be portrayed.

Bruce Wayne is the orphaned son of idealistic parents who were in the wrong place at the wrong time.

Wayne eventually ends up in a prison, in an unnamed nation, doing his own form of "research."

He is rescued from the brutal prison treatment by Henri Ducard (Liam Neeson) of the League of Shadows, which is a group of ninjas who have survived into the modern age and punish the overly decadent, but Wayne refuses to perform their cruel rite of initiation.

Instead he returns home to Alfred, played by Micheal Caine, whose personality shows through just a little too much to be a successful character. Meanwhile the Wayne Corporation is now run by Earle, (Rutger Hauer) a corporate-oriented, greedy man.

Though not the type to set up shop in a corner office, Wayne finds comfort in the aid of a scientific genius working out of a nearly forgotten area of the corporation - Lucius Fox (Morgan Freeman..)

Meanwhile, Gotham City has grown even more corrupt since Wayne left years before, despite the large efforts by a young and enthusiastic assistant district attorney, who happens to be a childhood friend of Wayne's, Rachel Dawes (Katie Holmes)- and the tiny hopes and good intentions of Lt. James Gordon (Gary Oldman.)

It would take a Herculean effort to take down the crime syndicate led by Carmine Falcone and perpetuated by the warped plot of Dr. Jonathan Crane (Cillian Murphy) with a pocket full of psychedelic powder. Luckily, Gotham City has Batman.

The best thing about "Batman Begins" is the movie tells the story that was meant to be told. The plot takes center stage as lesser known Bale takes the lead role and does a remarkable job of transforming into his character.

Director Christopher Nolan did something spectacular in keeping the special effects as an enhancement instead taking over the film, which happens too often in today's big-budget movies.

The photography by Wally Pfister was nothing short of incredible and made Gotham City look completely real, and more than a little creepy, even during mundane hours.

Scenes with Crane's psychedelic effects and the "Scarecrow" can range from shocking to terrifying, and I'm not ashamed to say I was, at one point, curled up in a ball in my seat, gripped in the cold hands of fear.

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Think you know the whole story of Batman? Check out the latest in the saga of the detective of Gotham City in the new movie 'Batman Begins.'

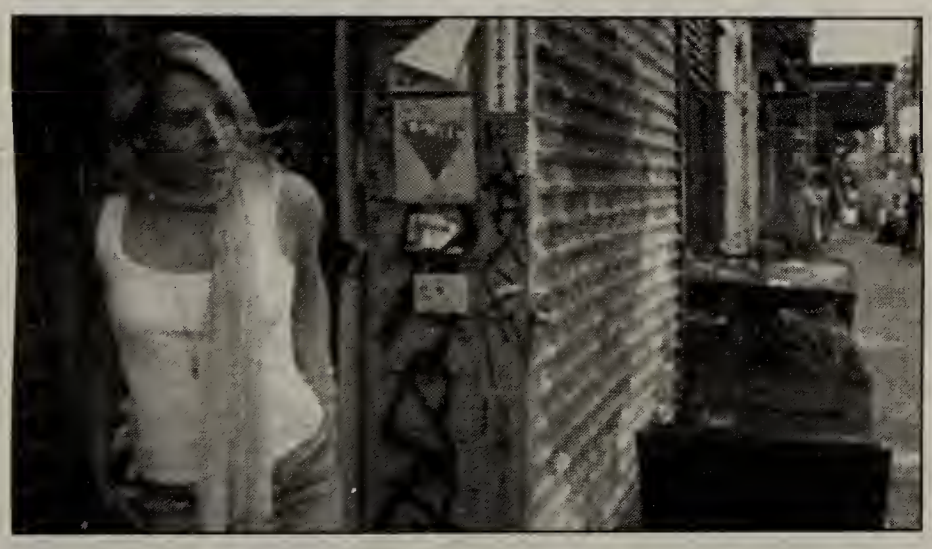
The overall effect is exactly what the film needed after the cotton candy consumerism of "Batman Forever" (starring Jim Carrey as The Riddler) and "Batman & Robin" (especially considering that movie's villain, Mr. Freeze, is now Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger of California).

Batman is a hero for the common man and woman. He is a superhero by circumstance instead of by power, something this prequel expresses remarkably well.

"Batman Begins" is rated PG-13 for intense action violence, disturbing images and some thematic elements, "Batman Begins" is a good film for those who remember Batman incarnations throughout the generations, as well as for those just being introduced to the series.

"Batman Begins" is worth the drive to the theatre to see the updated bat-costume on a large screen, and to get the full scare out of Scarecrow.

Bryden gives 'Daylight' to music scene



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Nell Bryden is another up and coming music sensations whose music can put a hop in your step and lyric in your head.

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When you turn on the radio, do you notice the same songs, groups and musicians being played over and over again, with the same three or four albums in roation? In a time where this is the norm, it is refreshing to know that Nell Bryden has come along.

Bryden began writing her own songs on guitar when she was 18-years-old. Bryden made a name of herself on the Boston live music scene while obtaining an English degree from Wellesley College.

Her fifth self-release, Nell Bryden EP, was recorded at New York City's Soundtrack Studios with comparisons to PJ Harvey, U2 and Jeff Buckley.

Bryden's singing and songwriting is very distinctive. It is difficult to stop from singing along once you hear her songs.

The EP has a new song, "Goodbye" and three new versions of tunes that are on "Day for Night," which was released in 2003.

The CD encompasses elements of new wave, folk/country and pop/rock. It is hard to blend all of these elements in a record but Bryden pulls it off and leaves you wanting more.

One of the songs that I fell in love with was "White Rose." According to her website, the song was written to give someone hope when their life has been devastated by something out of their control.

The chorus, "Save a white rose for me," is a way of saying, "You know, I'm going to get through this. No matter how hard it gets, it's all going to be okay."

The song that impressed me lyrically was "Daylight" which according to her website is about all the disbelief, insomnia, and withdrawal that comes with having your heart seriously broken. It's everything that comes up when you are in bed at night all alone, left with your thoughts.

Daylight is the relief. During the day, there are a lot of people around to take your mind off of things. It is easier to find distraction.

Bryden has the talent and fortitude to last in the music business for a long time. For more information about Bryden, check out her website at www.nellbryden.com.

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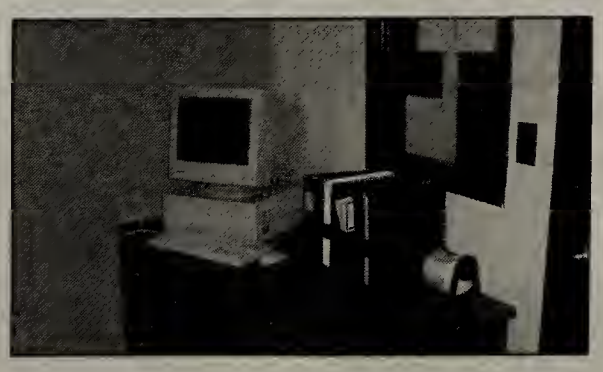

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The door of opportunity opens this fall

BY ANUJ BHATIA
Staff Writer

The world of education can sometimes be a source of light and that light can now be found at your doorstep no matter where in you reside in Northwest Indiana.

This fall PUC is opening the new Academic Learning Center in Merrillville. PUC is teaming with Indiana University Northwest to provide more accessible education opportunities for students living in southern northwest Indiana when the center opens.

IUN will have eight classes at the ALC, while PUC will have around 100. The ALC provides an outlet for students to gain joint or equivalent credits with PUC or IUN.

Wes Lukoshus, assistant vice chancellor for advancement at PUC, is an active member in promotion of the academic information in relation to the learning center.

"The two-story, 47,880 square feet structure will be a feeder or starter facility, offering mostly freshman and sophomore level classes," said Lukoshus.

Therefore, students will have to complete their education on their institutions main campuses.

According to Lukoshus, it has been a great opportunity for the residents in southern Lake county, as well as Porter and Newton counties for opening a door to gain an education at the students' doorsteps.

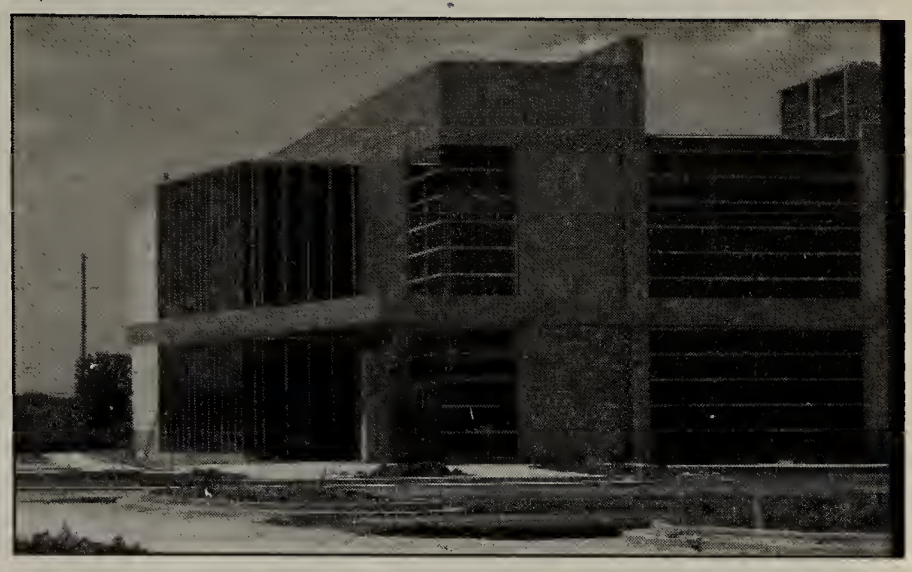
The ALC can accommodate more than 1,500 students and it has more than 20 classrooms, four computer laboratories, two student study areas and four small conferences rooms.

The Academic Learning Center is situated two miles south of U.S. Highway 30, off Broadway, north of 101st street.

"The new school is mostly funded by the Purdue Research Foundation owned land adjacent to the Purdue Technology Center of Norwest Indiana and the students' fees will be used for later developments," said Lukoshus.

Dorothy Briestansky, director of the Academic Learning Center, said that she is really excited with the ongoing project and describes it as a passion of hers and a dream come true.

About 800 students from PUC enrolled for classes that will begin on August 29 in the new center. The center is open 8 a.m. and will close at 10 p.m. on Monday through Thursday and stay open until 6 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.



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Located off Broadway, in Merrillville, Ind, the new Academic Learning Center will give students a chance to take classes for PUC and IUN.

The classes offered at the ALC this fall will be in the fields of arts and design, anthropology, architectural engineering technology, behavioral sciences, child development and family studies, computer graphics technology, computer information systems, communications, education and foreign language.

The academic learning center will be offering numerous fields when it opens this Fall.

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Vice Chancellor

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the purpose of the institution but, rather, we provide vital services to those who fulfill the [PUC] mission," Johnston says. "We are not the mission of the university, but this mission could not be accomplished without the services that we provide everyday.

"Regardless of the details, our goals will be to provide the best learning environment possible for our students."

Once informed of the new vice chancellor and his plan to provide the best service possible, students were eager to provide their suggestions.

Deepika Sharma, a senior majoring in engineering, voiced her concern with certain areas of service, particularly with the computer labs on campus. Sharma's chief concern was with the lack of extended hours of operation in the labs.

"That makes no sense," Sharma said, speaking of what is in her opinion a lack of extended hours. "It's of no use, the computers sitting down inside the lab locked up."

Sharma feels that many of her fellow students here at PUC share the same concern. Many of which, like herself, have no computer at home.

She experiences even more frustration when hearing from friends from other campuses. They not only enjoy extended hours of operation but, in some instances, labs that are open 24-hours a day.

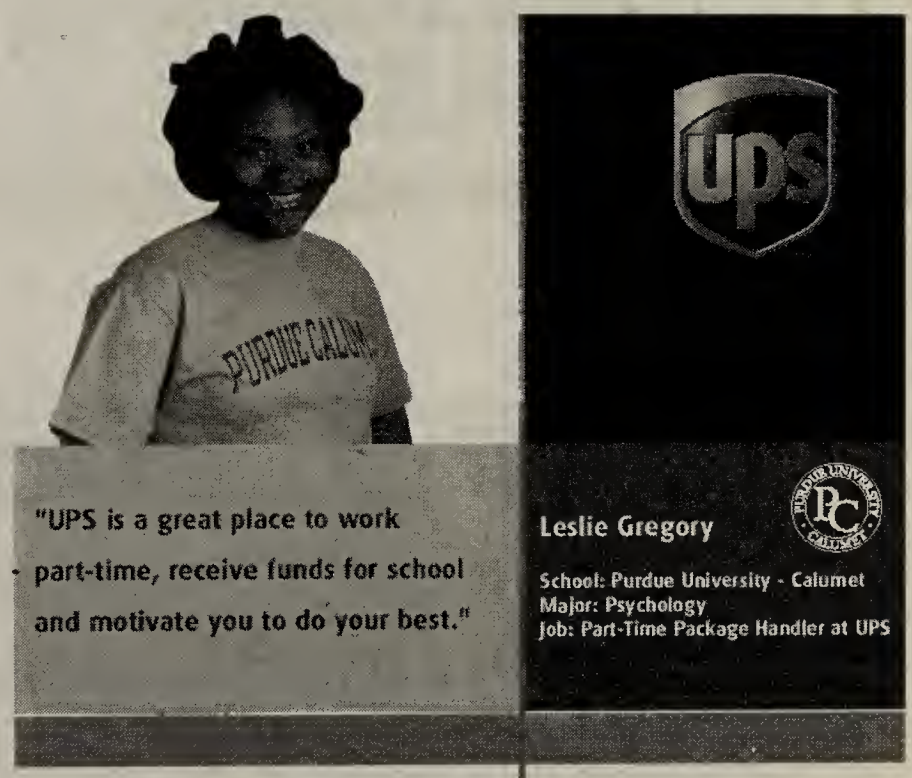
Phillip Hayes, a freshman English major, agrees that the computer labs should have better, longer hours.

"I think they should really expand on their hours," Hayes said.

Hayes feels that a more appropriate time for labs would be to close would be midnight or even later. He suggests 24-hour availability during peak usage times like finals week.

Hayes also points out that more computers, other than the ones in the labs, coupled with printing stations nearby would make for a much more convenient way for students to do their work.

Vice Chancellor Johnston brings to his position new ideas, experience and an openness that students seem to really appreciate.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The thrill of summer volleyball

BY DAVID FUNK
Sports Editor

Many PUC students find that intramural sports are a great way to meet new people, become more involved on campus and have a good time.

Intramural "open-play" co-ed sand volleyball is a terrific example. It is a comfortable, relaxed atmosphere in which to enjoy the sun and sport with new people and old friends.

"It's just fun," LeAmbre Carson, and junior majoring in Biomedical Technology, said. "You meet new people almost every week."

The competition is very relaxed. Students, faculty and friends get together for a friendly game Wednesday nights behind the Fitness Center around 5:30, with the final games taking place this Wednesday, July 6.

Participants can attend when they want, if they want and anytime between 5:30 and 7:30. Games are always subject to delays and cancellations due to the weather.

The games are not cut-throat, kill-or-be-killed exhibitions. Everyone is just there to have a good time.

"It's a nice release," Ron Moore, a PUC education graduate (1996), said. "You can stress yourself out working out or getting into a more serious intramural game.

"But coming out here, with this relaxed atmosphere, is nice to have."

"I'm not really competitive and nobody's really too on-edge. It's just really fun. There's no other way to put it," said Carson. "I can show up when I want. If I don't feel good one day, I can just stay home."

Volleyball is a great place to meet people, as well.

"I have absolutely made friends through the intramurals and fitness center," said Moore. "Tons of them."

"It's like having kids to play with when you're little," said Carson. "Whenever you want you can just come outside and play."

Few students take advantage of the opportunities that PUC can provide, and the volleyball intramurals are no exception. Only five players came out for the June 29 meeting.

"That's kind of the problem with the relaxed atmosphere, is just trying to get everyone to show up," Moore said.

"It's just intramurals, it's just for fun," said Carson. "But I wouldn't mind if I had a set team, somebody that would come all the time."

photo by Beth Tucker

PUC offers many different intramural programs for students to participate in. Summer is no exception, as coed-volleyball is offered.

Overall, co-ed volleyball seemed to be an enjoyable experience for all involved. There were abundant smiles and a great deal laughter could be heard, even from the fitness center parking lot.

"You are laughing," said Moore. "It's a relaxed atmosphere."

Hidden talent no longer a secret

BY DAVID FUNK
Sports Editor

The biggest basketball talent here at PUC may not even belong to a member of the Peregrines basketball team.

Tyran Jackson, a senior majoring in Hospitality and Tourism Management, has seen some NBA interest in his services, namely with the Portland Trailblazers.

Jackson attended the Moody Bible NBA predraft camp on June 11. He worked out for scouts with approximately 15 other players.

Scouts from the Blazers as well as a Swedish league team paid particularly close attention to Jackson.

"Getting this opportunity means a lot," said Jackson. "And I'm going to make the most of it."

This is not the first time Jackson has had the chance at playing professional basketball. In the past, he's tried out with the Rockford Lightning of the CBA.

He has also had the option to go to China to play, but opted not to.

Jackson has had a long, bumpy road through his basketball career full of difficulty and unfortunate surprise. He began playing at a very young age.

"I've been playing forever," said Jackson.

Jackson played his high school basketball for Broad Ripple High School. His college career began at the JUCO College of Lake County in Lake Forest, Illinois, a team that was ranked number four in the nation while Jackson was on the roster.

Jackson lists College of Lake County coach Sean Chisel as a major influence on his basketball career.

The 6'3 Jackson averaged 21 points per game as a sophomore. He played for the College of Lake County for two years before getting a stress fracture in his ankle and moving on to a division II black school, Miles College.

At Miles College, the shooting guard was named honorable mention all-conference before re-injuring the same ankle and failing his physical after the season.

"After that I had to get myself right. I came home and didn't go to school because I couldn't play," said Jackson. "Then, I came to PUC to finish school and ended up playing ball in 2004."

While Jackson has no formal representation, he was spotted playing pick up games at Chicago State University by agent Mike Tyler, out of Waukegan, Illinois. Tyler now acts as Jackson's informal agent and friend.

Despite all of the hardship and uncertainty that has surround Jackson's basketball career, he remains upbeat. While being interviewed for this article, he was all smiles and laughter. He cracked while his spirit remains in check.

The road to the World Series begins in Detroit

American League All Stars

Starting Lineup

C	Jason Varitek, BOS
1B	Mark Teixeira, TEX
2B	Brian Roberts, BAL
3B	Alex Rodriguez, NYY
SS	Miguel Tejada, BAL
LF	Manny Ramirez, BOS
CF	Johnny Damon, BOS
RF	Vladimir Guerrero, LAA
DH	David Ortiz, BOS

Reserves

C	Ivan Rodriguez, DET
1B	Shea Hillenbrand, TOR
1B	Paul Konerko, CWS
1B	Mike Sweeney, KC
2B	Alfonso Soriano, TEX
3B	Melvin Mora, BAL
SS	Michael Young, TEX
OF	Garret Anderson, LAA
OF	Gary Sheffield, NYY
OF	Ichiro Suzuki, SEA

Pitching Staff

SP	Mark Buehrle, CWS
SP	Bartolo Colon, LAA
SP	Jon Garland, CWS
SP	Roy Halladay, TOR
SP	Kenny Rogers, TEX
SP	Johan Santana, MIN
RP	Danys Baez, TB
RP	Justin Duchscherer, OAK
RP	Joe Nathan, MIN
RP	Mariano Rivera, NYY
RP	B.J. Ryan, BAL
RP	Bob Wickman, CLE

National League All Stars

Starting Lineup

C	Mike Piazza, NYM
1B	Derrek Lee, CHC
2B	Jeff Kent, LAD
3B	Scott Rolen, STL
SS	David Eckstein, STL
LF	Carlos Beltran, NYM
CF	Jim Edmonds, STL
RF	Bobby Abreu, PHI

Reserves

C	Paul Lo Duca, FLA
1B	Albert Pujols, STL
2B	Luis Castillo, FLA
3B	Aramis Ramirez, CHC
SS	Cesar Izturis, LAD
SS	Felipe Lopez, CIN
OF	Moises Alou, SF
OF	Jason Bay, PIT
OF	Miguel Cabrera, FLA
OF	Luis Gonzalez, ARI
OF	Andruw Jones, ATL
OF	Carlos Lee, MIL

Pitching Staff

SP	Chris Carpenter, STL
SP	Roger Clemens, HOU
SP	Livan Hernandez, WSH
SP	Pedro Martinez, NYM
SP	Jake Peavy, SD
SP	John Smoltz, ATL
SP	Dontrelle Willis, FLA
RP	Chad Cordero, WSH
RP	Brian Fuentes, COL
RP	Jason Isringhausen, STL
RP	Brad Lidge, HOU

Sox either win, or die trying

BY BILL OCIEPKA
Staff Writer

At the beginning of the 2005 baseball season, the so called experts were picking the Minnesota Twins to win the American League Central Division. But on June 27, the Chicago White Sox are sitting pretty atop the A.L. Central with a huge lead over the Twins at 9 ½ games.

A great deal of the Sox's success can be attributed to the off-season work of General Manager Ken Williams.

The Sox are led by their catalyst, outfielder Scott Podsednik. Podsednik was acquired in an off-season trade with the Milwaukee Brewers for Carlos Lee. Podsednik is currently leading Major League baseball with 38 stolen bases.

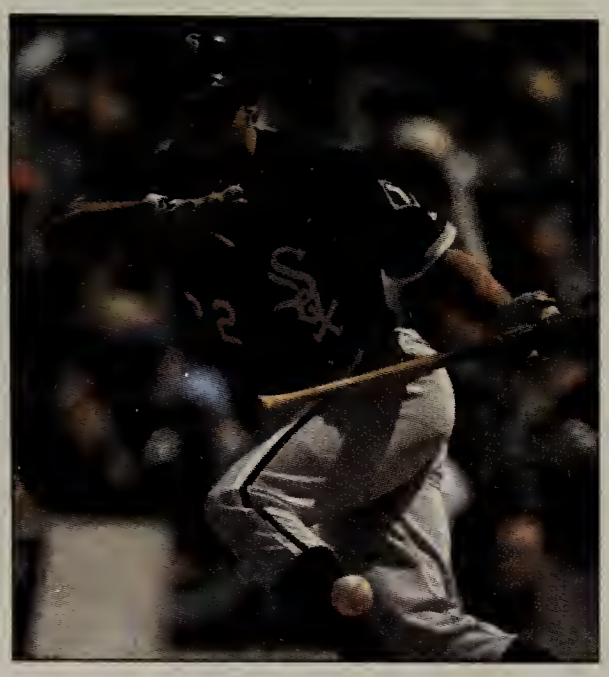
Another newcomer to the Sox is catcher A.J. Pierzynski. Williams signed Pierzynski, who previously played for the San Francisco Giants last season, before the start of spring training. Pierzynski has helped balance the pitching staff and has also tied his career high in home runs, having already hit 11 long balls.

In the heart of the order, Paul Konerko has 18 homers and Jermaine Dye, another newcomer, has 15. The Sox only have one player batting over .300 and that is reserve catcher, Chris Widger.

Frank Thomas has been welcomed back from the disabled list with open arms. Thomas has 11 hits with seven of them being home runs in only 46 at bats.

On the pitching side, Jon Garland (12-3, with an ERA of 3.25) and Mark Buehrle (9-1, with an ERA of 2.48) have led the staff, respectively. The White Sox are a combined 23-5 against their division. Four of the five opposing teams in the A.L. Central have a record at or above .500.

2005 will be Ozzie Guillen's second season as manager of the White Sox.



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Scott Podsednik has served as the table setter all season thus far for the first place White Sox.

"I can tell you right now that when the White Sox hired Ozzie Guillen,

I was not very optimistic," said Ernie Lukesch, a junior studying communication.

Since Ozzie has arrived, the White Sox have played what is being called "small ball" or even "Ozzie ball." The Sox lead the league in sacrifices and in stolen bases.

The Sox get runners on, get them over and get them in, in a more National League style of play.

This is different when compared to last season, when the Sox lived and died with the home run, hitting 244 of them.

"I like his fiery attitude, but if they start going on a losing streak, I think his bluntness might come into effect," Donny Metlovski, a junior in the school of management, said of Guillen.

The Sox are led by their preseason number five starter, Jon Garland. Garland has been a pleasant surprise this season for the White Sox.

Over the past five years, the Sox have had five wins by their fifth starter. Garland reached that mark on May 5 against Detroit improving his record to 5-0. Garland has now tied his career high in wins with 12 in his best season to date.

After the All-Star Game in Detroit, the White Sox will resume action in Cleveland to face the Indians for a four game set.

After that the White Sox will return home to U.S. Cellular Field to face the Detroit Tigers for three games and then the defending champion Boston Red Sox come calling for four games.

With 13 games remaining against Minnesota, the season is far from over. That is why every game matters and the Sox must continue to "Win. Or Die Trying."

Cubs look to catch fire after break

BY CHRIS ZACNY
Staff Writer

For the first time this season, the Cubs will finally have their full starting pitching staff healthy with the activations of Kerry Wood and Mark Prior from the disabled list.

Prior and Wood both made successful returns to the mound, both pitching six solid innings. Prior took home a win, while Wood was a no decision.

In two returns from the disabled list this season, Prior has pitched well surrendering no runs in 24 innings.

"The addition of Wood and Prior will lighten the burden on the relief staff and give confidence to the rest of the team," said Greg Myers, a graduate student in mathematics.

With Prior and Wood returning, the starting rotation will go through a significant change. Manager Dusty Baker had to take current starters, Sergio Mitre and Glendon Rusch, and return them in the bullpen. From there, newly acquired pitcher Jerome Williams looks to be the fifth starter.

Williams had a strong showing, giving up two runs on three hits, while walking four over seven innings against the Milwaukee Brewers on June 21.

Another thing to look out for in the second half of the season is Derrek Lee and his chase toward the Triple Crown award. The Cubs' first baseman is batting .383 with 25 home runs and 67 runs batted in as of July 4.

"Derrek Lee should win the award because of the numbers that he is putting up now," said Jenny Clark, a junior majoring in youth, adult and family services.

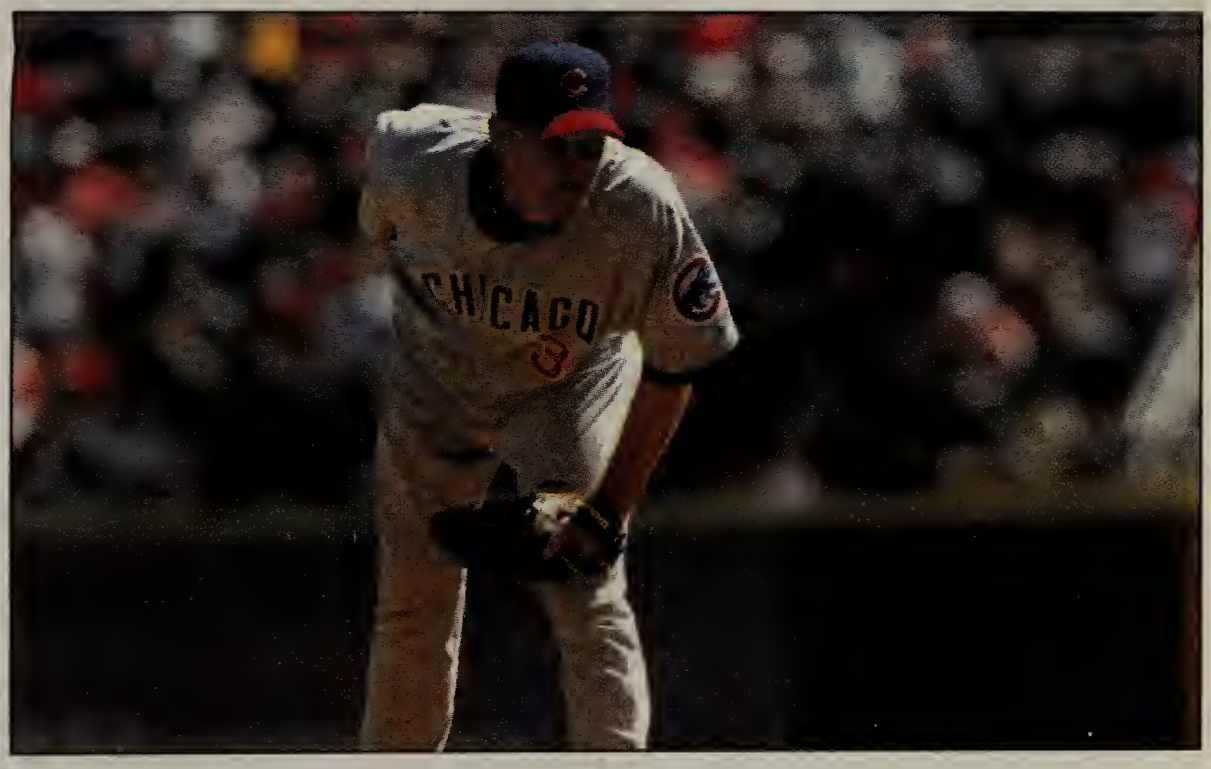
The last player to win the Triple Crown award was Carl Yastrzemski in 1967 when he played for the Boston Red Sox. Yastrzemski led the American League that year with 44 home runs, 121 runs batted in and a batting average of .326.

In the 37 years since Yastrzemski's Triple Crown season, there have been two near misses. Former Cub Billy Williams batted .333 in 1972 to take the National League Batting Title, but finished three runs batted in and three home runs short to the Red's Johnny Bench. Bench led the league in runs batted in and home runs but only batted .270.

The Chicago White Sox' Dick Allen also had a shot in 1972. Allen led the American League with 37 home runs and 113 runs batted in. Rod Carew of the Minnesota Twins won the American League Batting Title batting .318 while Allen batted .308.

The Chicago Cubs will start the second half of the season with three series against division opponents.

After the All-Star break, the Cubs will play four games at home against the Pittsburgh Pirates. Then they will travel to Cincinnati for four games against the Reds. After that it's on to St. Louis to play the division-leading and arch rival Cardinals for three games.



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The Cubs hope that the additions of Kerry Wood, above, and Mark Prior will put them over the top in the Central Division. The Cubs are fighting an up hill battle with the Cardinals as they try to pull within striking distance of the division leaders.

Triple Crown Watch

photo by Rick Holtz

Cubs All-Star first baseman, Derrek Lee

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